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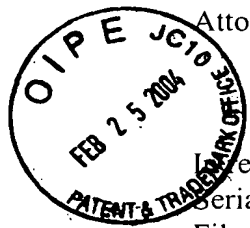
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For: SELF-ALIGNED SEMICONDUCTOR CONTACT STRUCTURES AND
METHODS FOR FABRICATING THE SAME

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As set forth in 37 CFR § 1.10(c) and MPEP § 506.02, Applicant hereby petitions to grant the proper filing date of October 28, 2003 rather than October 29, 2003 for the above-identified patent application as this was the date the application was deposited as "Express Mail" in the U.S. Postal Service. The following is enclosed as evidence of October 28, 2003 being the correct filing date for the application, which was properly filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10:

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This petition is being filed promptly after Applicant became aware of the improperly accorded filing date. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the granting of October 28, 2003 as the filing date pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.10.

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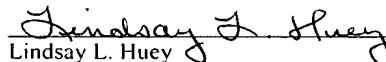
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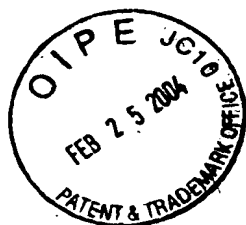

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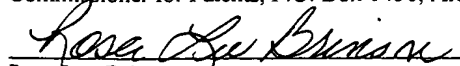

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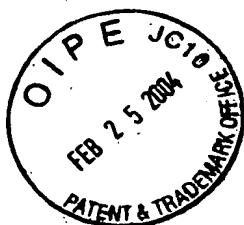
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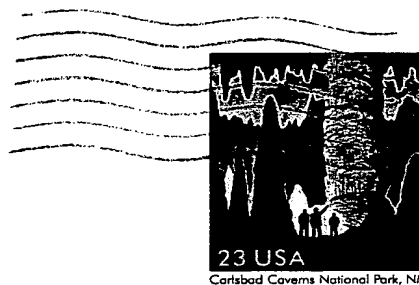
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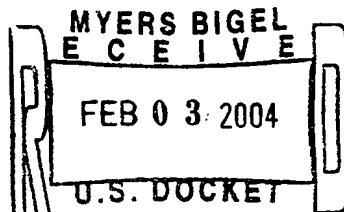
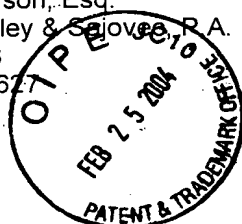


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